

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 14-17 and 19-21, as amended, remain pending.

Claims 8-13 are still pending, but are presently withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants thankfully acknowledge allowance of claims 2, 3 and 14-17 and the identification of allowable subject matter in claims 19-21. Each of claims 19-21 has been amended to include the limitations of former claim 4, thereby placing each of claims 19-21 fully in condition for allowance. This amendment thus places all claims 2, 3, 14-17 and 19-21, the only claims remaining herein, in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that this amendment places this application fully in condition for allowance, and surely places it in better condition for any appeal. Accordingly, entry of this amendment and allowance of all claims 2, 3, 14-17 and 19-21 are respectfully requested.

Applicants have cancelled claim 18 without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby mooting the rejection made thereto under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Applicants have cancelled claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby mooting the rejection made thereto under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Campbell U.S. Patent 4,692,829 and Reinhart U.S. Patent 5,734,527.

Applicants have cancelled claims 5 and 6 without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby mooting the rejection made thereto under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Campbell, Reinhart and Mastache U.S. Patent 5,528,437.

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Accordingly, the application is now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293 (Order No. 28971.5197). If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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